

CLAIMS

1. Apparatus for controlling an electrically powered audio device operative to play a sound recording, such apparatus comprising, in combination:
 - a control interface adapted to interconnect the audio device to a power source so as to control operation of the audio device; and
 - a push-button switch remotely coupled to the control interface, the control interface and push-button switch being mutually cooperable to require continuous activation of a push button on the switch by a user to connect the audio device to the power source.
2. The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 1 wherein the control interface comprises a pause control interface.
3. The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 2 wherein the control interface includes a power input connection for supplying power to the audio device.
4. The apparatus for controlling a audio device as defined in claim 3 wherein the power input connection comprises a power supply cord.
5. The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 4 further including a plug/receptacle assembly adapted for connection in series between a power source and the power supply cord, said push-button switch including a set of electrical contacts connected in series with a conductor of the plug/receptacle assembly.
6. The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 5 wherein the plug/receptacle assembly includes a male plug and a female receptacle.
7. The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 5 further comprising a power cord connecting the plug/receptacle assembly to the push-button switch so as to enable remote control of the plug/receptacle assembly.
8. The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 1 wherein the push-button switch comprises a momentary contact switch responsive to light pressure activation of the push button.
9. The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 1 wherein the audio device comprises a tape player.
10. The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 1 wherein the audio device comprises a compact disk player.
11. The apparatus for controlling an audio device as in claim 1 wherein the audio device comprises an optical disk player.

12. The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 1 wherein the audio device comprises an audio-visual video disk player.

13. An apparatus for activating an electrically powered audio device, such apparatus comprising:

a power supply cord for supplying power to the audio device;

a plug/receptacle assembly adapted for connection in series between a power source and the power supply cord; and

a push-button switch disposed in series with a conductor of the plug/receptacle assembly, the push-button switch including a set of electrical contacts responsive to continuous manual activation of a push button by a user to activate the audio device.

14. The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 13 wherein said set of electrical contacts of the push-button switch are connected in series with said conductor of the plug/receptacle assembly.

15. The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 14 including a power cord connecting the plug/receptacle assembly to the push-button switch.

16. The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 13 wherein the push-button switch comprises a momentary contact switch.

17. The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 13 wherein the audio device comprises a tape player.

18. The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 13 wherein the audio device comprises a compact disk player.

19. The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 13 wherein the audio device comprises an optical disk player.

20. The apparatus for controlling an audio device as defined in claim 13 wherein the audio device comprises a video disk player.

21. A method for marking an audio or audio-visual recording at a point where play is interrupted while being played on an audio device powered from an electrical power outlet, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) interconnecting the audio device to the electrical power outlet through a control interface selectively operable to control operation of the audio device; and

(b) coupling a push-button switch to the control interface so as to enable control of the audio device remotely from the control interface in response to activation of a push button on the switch such that deactivation of the push button causes the audio device to

stop play, and re-activation of the push button switch initiates continued play from the point of interruption of play.